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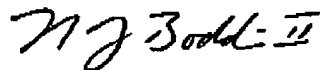
REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. Claims 14-28 are allowed. Claims 1, 5, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,489,054 to Schiff. Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schiff. Claims 2-4, 6, 7 and 11-13 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have rewritten Claim 2 in independent form as amended independent Claim 1. Original Claim 2 has been cancelled. Applicants have rewritten Claim 11 in independent form as new independent Claim 29. New Claims 30-35 depend from independent Claim 29. Applicants have rewritten Claim 12 in independent form as new independent Claim 36. New Claims 37-42 depend from independent Claim 36. Applicants have rewritten Claim 13 in independent form as new independent Claim 43. New Claims 44-49 depend from independent Claim 43.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

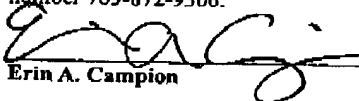


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